

committed to reinforcing the principals of Christian service, responsibility to the community, and respect for life.

Additionally, Central Catholic High School was named one of the most academically challenging schools in Illinois by the Washington Post in 2017. Led by Principal Sean Foster, the faculty has developed an effective curriculum to meet the academic needs of all students which prepares them to pursue higher education and professional careers.

It is an honor to represent the students, faculty, and administrators at Central Catholic High School. Their dedication to education, and their students, makes them a deserving recipient of the National Blue Ribbon, and more importantly, an example for schools all across the nation.

REMARKS AT THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I'd like to include in the RECORD these remarks I recently made to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights:

I'm standing with Chairman Castro from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in a village called Taholah. It's the lower reservation of the Quinault Indian Nation. The nation's President, Fawn Sharp, takes us up a slight incline as we look out at the Pacific Ocean. "When I was a kid," she says, "The ocean was a football field's length away. Now it's our front porch."

She explains that her village has been there since time immemorial. But in recent years, it has begun to see the threats of rising sea levels and more severe storms—not to mention the threat of tsunami. She points out that village is below sea level—which wasn't a problem in past generations. But now, on numerous occasions, the sea wall has breached and their village has filled up like a bowl.

That story—and the stories of the four other tribes in my district that—as we sit here today are in the process of trying to move to higher ground—deserves to be heard. And it is why I'm grateful to Mr. Castro and to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for listening.

Billy Frank, a Native American civil rights icon, provided vital direction to those who needed to be heard, who wanted to advocate. He would say, "tell your story, tell your story." Storytelling is essential for change.

But in order for change to happen, someone needs to hear that story, and listen to the people telling it. Too often, there is no one listening when communities of color or disadvantaged populations tell their story. That's why the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is so important. For 60 years, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has listened. And they've detailed, in sharp focus, the inequity tribal communities across the nation face, in addition to many other injustices.

In a 2003 report called *The Quiet Crisis*, they showed our government's systemic failure to live up to its treaty obligations with tribal communities. I am grateful for the work they're doing to update that report.

I want to tell you another one of the stories we heard. One of the tribal leaders

shared his story. He said, "Do you want the good news or the bad news?" I said, "Let's hear the good news!" He said, "Every one of our high schoolers graduated this past year." I said, "So what's the bad news?" He then shared that, for the first time, the state of Washington was requiring that students take the state mandated exam over the internet. He said, "We don't have high speed internet." He said, "We tried a sample test. We shut down every computer in the school except two." It's one of those exams where you answer ten questions and then click next page. He said, "We tried it. It took a minute and 44 seconds to get to the next page." So that's not going to work.

Sadly—that tribe, too, is not alone. Many of the coastal tribes lack the basic broadband that many of us take for granted. It doesn't just create a barrier to first responders, and to folks who want to start a business, or to kids who need to pass a test. It's a civil rights problem.

According to the FCC approximately 63 percent of Tribal land residents lack access to strong broadband. Only 17 percent of the rest of the nation faces a similar challenge.

This isn't the only challenge tribal communities face. We know they have a higher rate of substance abuse issues than the general population, they have lower graduation rates, they have underfunded schools and police forces and many areas lack the economic development opportunities necessary to provide families with a quality income.

These are real problems, and too often these communities are ignored. But the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is listening. And they're amplifying quiet voices.

I am pleased with the fact that the Commission is working on an update to the Quiet Crisis Report. When it's completed, it can provide a roadmap for Congress and for the Administration to address problems that are too often unnoticed. And the Commission is listening to other communities too.

Your work is a big part of the reason a hate crimes bill recently passed out of the House Judiciary Committee. And your reporting is driving the House's discussion on voting rights.

So let me just end by saying thank you. Thank you all for having me today. Thank you Dr. Hayden and the Library of Congress for curating such a powerful exhibit. On behalf of my constituents, and on behalf of everyone else who is telling their story. Thank you.

And to the Commission—Thank you for listening. Thank you for shining a light on injustice and disparity. And thank you for working to ensure that our nation keeps its promise to all of its citizens.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. HELENA STAR AND NAPA VALLEY VINTNERS TASTING PANEL

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the St. Helena Star and Napa Valley Vintners Tasting Panel upon the occasion of their 10th Anniversary of informing wine lovers with thoughtful information about Napa Valley wines.

In 2007, David Stoneberg from the St. Helena Star, Terry Hall from the Napa Valley Vintners and Stefan Blicher from Blicher, Pierce and Wagner Wine created the Tasting

Panel. Each month, the 20 to 25 person panel hosts a wine tasting and judging. This community tradition has helped journalists and the wine community build stronger relationships.

In March 2017, the Editor & Publisher, a trade publication for the newspaper industry, recognized the Tasting Panel in their article, "10 Newspapers that Do It Right." This article praised the Tasting Panel for creating "a better way to report on the wines they were recommending to readers."

The Tasting Panel has held more than 100 tastings of Napa Valley wines. The articles that journalists write about these tastings help consumers learn about wine and appreciate the hard working winemakers in our community.

Mr. Speaker, the St. Helena Star and Napa Valley Vintners Tasting Panel has been providing quality information to our community about Napa Valley wines for the past 10 years. I am proud to have such a great tradition to showcase the best wine in the world. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor them here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 636.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MILITARY SERVICE OF BROUGHTON HAND

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of World War II veteran Broughton "Brodie" Hand who passed away on October 27, 2017 at 97 years of age.

Brodie was born in 1920 to Baptist minister, Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Hand. Brodie, the middle son out of 5 boys and 1 girl, came to Anahuac, TX in 1924. He attended Anahuac High School where he was voted Best All Around his senior year in 1939. After graduation, Brodie enrolled in Marshall College which is now East Texas Baptist University. When World War II began, Brodie felt the call to serve his country and left college to enlist in the United States Army on October 15, 1942. He volunteered for the paratroopers and went to jump training at Ft. Blanding, FL. After jump school he was assigned to the 508th Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division with C Company. He was shipped to Belfast, Ireland for more training and then to Nottingham, England where they were stationed at the foot of Nottingham Castle. Since the company was short on demolition sergeants, Brodie was trained for the job before he was shipped to France. On the night of June 5, 1944, Broughton Hand prepared to go to war.

The mission given to the 82nd Airborne when they landed in France was to seal off

the bridges on the Douve and Merderet Rivers. Problems started early when the planes ran into a fog bank that nearly made them run into each other. After veering from their planned flight pattern to avoid collision, the 82nd Airborne had to jump in an area far from the one they had prepared for. Brodie jumped from about 600 feet up and as soon as his chute opened he was landing in the tops of the trees. He managed to cut his chute loose and met up with other men in his company headed northeast. They came across Douve River where they attempted to blow the bridge, but could not due to increased German activity in the area. Brodie and his men were able to take three German's as prisoners, which would prove to save their lives. On June 9th, Brodie and his squad went back to blow the bridge, but instead ran into a German tank on the way. After running out of ammunition, Brodie's Lieutenant got one of their German prisoners to call out "we surrender" in German. Brodie spent the next 11 months as a Prisoner of War. He worked, as a POW, cleaning up bombed cities and working in coal mines. He was finally able to send a pre-typed postcard to his parents informing them that he was a POW over 70 days after his capture. On April 22, 1945, Brodie was at a hospital in Nuremberg, Germany recovering from a leg injury when General Patton's troops swept through the area returning him to American hands. Broughton returned to Anahuac, after the end of the war, and married Lillian, his wife of 66 years. Together they had three children, Phoebe, Myra and Lynn. Throughout his life, he worked as a salesman for different companies. Brodie upheld his civic duty proudly and stayed active in his community and church until his death last month. He was past Commander of the Texas Golden Triangle Chapter of EX-POWs, past Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of the order of the Purple Heart, and past Commander of the Freeman Spath Post 104 of the American Legion with continuous membership of over 70 years. He served on the Governor's Prisoner of War Advisory Committee, and was the Chambers County Veterans Service Officer for 13 years.

Broughton Hand lived a full honorable life devoted to his family, country and God. It is a privilege to have been able to represent such a person in my District. I want to extend my thanks to him and his family for their selfless service and will keep them in my prayers.

IN HONOR OF THE 91ST BIRTHDAY
OF JULIUS GRADY COX

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention to recognize the 91st birthday of Julius Grady Cox.

Grady was born to Annie and George Cox on December 3rd in Ayden, North Carolina. One of five children, Grady graduated high school at the age of 16 and joined the U.S. Navy as a medical corpsman in WWII. He was selected for Naval ROTC at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (API), now Auburn University, where he met his late wife Jean Ransom.

Grady earned degrees from API in Chemical Engineering and Mathematics and his doctorate in Industrial Engineering at Purdue University. Grady served at Auburn University as full professor, Dean of the College of Engineering and Executive Vice President.

Grady was also involved in the community and was a member of the Rotary Club, Civitan Club and Kiwanis Club. He is a member of Auburn United Methodist Church.

On December 3rd, he will celebrate his 91st birthday as well as enjoy "Grady Cox Day" in the City of Auburn, Alabama.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing Grady a very happy 91st birthday.

HONORING WOMEN'S
ENTREPRENEURSHIP DAY

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in honor of Women's Entrepreneurship Day which is celebrated around the world each year on November 19th. In honor of this day, I am introducing a resolution to recognize November 19, 2017 as "A Day in Honor of Women Entrepreneurs".

Women are majority owners of 9.9 million American businesses which generate \$1.4 trillion in annual sales and employ more than 8.4 million workers. Ninety-nine percent of women-owned businesses are small businesses, and 47 percent of all American minority-owned businesses are also women-owned. I applaud these women entrepreneurs and their economically-vital businesses.

Today, I also applaud Wendy Diamond who has personally spearheaded the Women's Entrepreneurship Day movement. Since her campaign launched in 2013, her Women's Entrepreneurship Day organization has funded 500 Syrian refugee girls in Jordan so they could attend high school, launched an initiative in Oman to empower women and girls to vote against arranged marriage, and partnered with a Uruguayan university to offer scholarships to young women. Women's Entrepreneurship Day is now celebrated in 144 countries and 65 universities and colleges internationally, with numerous global ambassadors. The Women's Entrepreneurship Day mission is to empower the four billion women worldwide to be catalysts of change, and uplift the over 250 million girls living in poverty around the world.

Tomorrow, Wendy will be hosting a Women's Entrepreneurship Day event in New York City at the United Nations in order to empower, celebrate, and support women and girls globally to alleviate poverty. Joining her for this amazing event will be: Mikaila Ulmer—12-year-old founder of Me & The Bees Lemonade and successful Shark Tank contestant on ABC; Jesse Draper—founding partner of Halogen Ventures; Dia Simms—CEO of Combs Enterprises and Board Member of the Harlem Boys and Girls Club; and Baroness Sandip Verma—European Union External Affairs Subcommittee Chair and Member of the House of Lords.

In addition to bringing these incredible women together, Wendy and her organization will be honoring the following individuals with the following awards:

Dottie Herman—Founder, President, and CEO of Douglas Elliman—Business Pioneer Award.

Lucy Jarvis—First woman television producer, Peabody Award winner—Media Pioneer Award.

Suzanne Lerner—President and Co-Founder of Michael Stars, Board Member of Women Thrive Alliance—Fashion Pioneer Award.

Sonia Gardner—President, Managing Partner, and Co-Founder of Avenue Capital Group and Global Chair of the Board of 100 Women in Finance—Financial Pioneer Award.

Bobbi Brown—CEO of Beauty Evolution and former CEO and Chief Creative Officer of Bobbi Brown Cosmetics—Beauty Pioneer Award.

Muna Rihana Al-Nasser—Chairwoman of the UN Women for Peace Association—Philanthropy Pioneer Award.

Judith Ripka—Luxury jewelry designer and founder of Judith Ripka—Accessories Pioneer Award.

Angie Bastian—Founder and Board Member of Angie's BOOMCHICKAPOO—Culinary Pioneer Award.

Sara Bareilles—Singer, songwriter, six-time Grammy nominee, Broadway musical writer and composer—Music Pioneer Award.

Andrea Kerzner—Founder and CEO of Lalela Project. Co-Creator of themoreweshare.com, and Director of the Board of Kerzner International Holdings—Artist Pioneer Award.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the entire House to recognize these remarkable role models, and to celebrate Women's Entrepreneurship Day this year and every year moving forward.

HONORING EVELYN JAVIER
CENTENO, RECIPIENT OF THE
AMERICAN DREAM AWARD

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Evelyn Javier Centeno, whom I have selected to receive the American Dream Award. This award recognizes the achievements of immigrants in my district who have made remarkable contributions to California's 5th Congressional District communities in the areas of Arts and Culture, Professional Achievement, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, or Community Service. Ms. Centeno exemplifies these attributes and is very deserving of this award and recognition.

Ms. Centeno was born in Manila, Republic of the Philippines and immigrated to the United States in 1971. Prior to leaving Manila, she earned a degree in Chemistry from the University of Santo Tomas. She earned three more degrees after moving to California. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Golden Gate University, and she earned her Master of Science degree in Education from Chapman University. Ms. Centeno is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Inspire Learning Institute, a nonprofit organization for educational empowerment.

Prior to founding Inspire Learning Institute, Ms. Centeno worked in the fields of engineering and education. Through her leadership, Inspire Learning Institute established a free